

ARTHUR J. CARRIER.

DECEMBER 21, 1886.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ELY, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 9622.]

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9622) granting to Arthur J. Carrier section 18, in township 109 of range 71, west of the fifth principal meridian, Dakota Territory, beg leave to report:*

This bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue the patent therein mentioned in recognition of valuable services rendered the United States and the Indians residing on the old Winnebago Reservation. Your committee sent a communication, inclosing a copy of said bill, to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, and requested a report from the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs as to the character of said services. The accompanying reply has been received and is made a part of this report.

Your committee have not been able to discover from any source any valuable services rendered the United States or the Indians referred to.

Your committee report back the bill, and recommend that it lie on the table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, December 8, 1886.

SIR: I am in receipt by Department reference (July 7, 1886) of a letter from Hon. F. D. Ely, inclosing H. R. 9622, Forty-ninth Congress, first session, "granting to Arthur J. Carrier section 18, in township 109, of range 71, west of the fifth principal meridian, Dakota Territory."

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue patent to Arthur J. Carrier, his heirs and assigns, to section 18, in township 109 north, of range 71 west of the fifth principal meridian, on the Old Winnebago Reservation, in Dakota Territory, in recognition of valuable services rendered the United States and the Indians residing upon said reservation.

In reply, I have to state that, if there were no other objections, I am not aware of any valuable services rendered the United States or the Indians residing upon said reservation by Mr. Carrier that would warrant me in recommending the passage of the bill.

The papers are herewith returned.

I am also in receipt of a copy of the same bill by reference from Hon. J. E. Halsell, Chairman of House Committee on Private Land Claims, which is herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. C. ATKINS,  
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.